

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monday, January 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the January 3, 2022, regular meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisor to order at 10:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin (via Zoom), Supervisor David Plunkett (via Zoom), County Administrator Megan Spielman, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Sheriff William Ponce, Assessor Anna Camacho, Golf Professional Steve Benton and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

Chairman Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

**Presentation: Sheriff Ponce Presents Life Saving Award**

Sheriff Ponce recognized Deputy Cody Brinkerhoff with the Life Saving Award after searching and finding an individual that was stranded in the refuge area on a hot day. Sheriff Ponce also recognized Tammy Hiatt and Christel Merrit for the distribution of food baskets.

**Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment for a limit of three (3) minutes per person. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date**

Jeff Phillips, representing Best in the Desert, informed the Board of their activities in the area, noting the races being conducted. He stated that this year they were at the fairgrounds; had all their permits in place and water trucks; thanked the County for their support.

**County Administrator and/or County Supervisor’s Current Event Summary: The County Administrator or Board Member may present a brief summary of current events summarizing recent occurrences without any discussion or feedback from the remainder of the board. The Board will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter mentioned in the summary unless the specific matter is already properly noticed for legal action, and then only at such time as that matter comes before the board itself pursuant to its meeting agenda. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K)**

County Administrator Spielman thanked all the employees for their hard work and dedication this past year, noting that this year she would be focusing again on the challenges.

**CONSENT AGENDA (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):**

- a. **Approve to appoint the position of Deputy Public Defender II - *Public Defender***

Approve to appoint Marla Reed to the position of Deputy Public Defender II, effective January 3, 2022, at an annual salary of \$73,694.40 (E020, Step 10); a vacant and budgeted position.

- b. **Approve to revise start date for the position of Assistant Golf Director, a budgeted item - *Golf Course***

Approve to revise the promotion effective date for Joan Hall, Assistant Golf Director, retroactive to July 1, 2021; a budgeted item.

- c. **Approve to accept Stipend award from the 100 Club of Arizona Safety Enhancement Stipend in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 for the purchase of 14 helmets for night vision and thermal devices for the Special Weapons and Tactics Team, a reimbursement award -*Sheriff***

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- d. **Approve recommendation to the Arizona Department Liquor License & Control for Special Event License application submitted by Lynnda Sweeney on behalf of Soroptimist International of the Americas (DBA) SI Parker for fundraiser event on March 26, 2022, located at the La Paz County Park, 7350 Riverside Dr., Parker, AZ -Clerk of the Board**

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**CHAIRMAN MINOR MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items #6(a) though #6(d). Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Supervisor Plunkett.

**REGULAR AGENDA (*Discussion and possible action on the following items*):**

***PUBLIC HEARING:* - Docket No. Z2021-009 – Property owner: Storme Christopherson; APN: 304-72-015B; further identified as 68438 66th Street, Salome, AZ 85348; with a legal description of Section 23, Township 5N, Range 13W of the Gila and Salt River Meridians, La Paz County, Arizona, Supervisor District 3- Holly Irwin; requesting a re-zoning from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) for family use, not a commercial RV Park. Approved unanimously (4-0, 3 members absent) at the regular Planning & Zoning Meeting on 12/02/2021 -Community Development**

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Bierbrodt presented Docket No. Z2021-009 – Property owner: Storme Christopherson; APN: 304-72-015B; further identified as 68438 66th Street, Salome, AZ 85348; with a legal description of Section 23, Township 5N, Range 13W of the Gila and Salt River Meridians, La Paz County, Arizona, Supervisor District 3- Holly Irwin; requesting a re-zoning from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) for family use, not a commercial RV Park. She stated that this docket was approved unanimously (4-0, 3 members absent) at the regular Planning & Zoning Meeting on 12/02/2021.

She stated that 13 letters of notification were mailed, and one letter was received with four signatures objecting to the rezone. She added that there were no objections at the Planning & Zoning hearing. She explained that the zoning request was not for a commercial recreational vehicle park; it was only for family members' use.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to

comment on the request to rezone.

There being no comment, Chairman Minor closed the public hearing.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Docket No. Z2021-009 – Property owner(s) Storme Christopherson- APN(s) 304-72-015B; further identified as 68438 66th Street, Salome, AZ 85348; with a legal description of Section 23, Township 5N, Range 13W of the Gila and Salt River Meridians, La Paz County, Arizona, Supervisor District 3- Holly Irwin. The applicant requests approval of a re-zoning from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) for family use, not a commercial RV Park. Approved unanimously (4-0, 3 members absent) at the regular Planning & Zoning Meeting on 12/02/2021 -*Community Development***

Vice-Chairman Irwin stated she had no objections; however, she had a question regarding the surrounding properties. She stated that she did not see the minutes on this item.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley confirmed the surrounding property was rural agriculture.

Chairman Minor stated that he had attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and there were no objections. He explained that the rezone was necessary because the current zoning only allowed five parcels.

Coordinator Bierbrodt explained an objector was concerned that it would open up the ability for someone to later have the ability to put in an RV park; however, that is not what was being requested.

Vice-Chairman Irwin asked if a stipulation could be added and later changed or revert to the previous zoning, if needed.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley answered "no". He added that if someone else bought the property, they would have to do their permitting and there would be "additional oversight" at that time.

Supervisor Plunkett asked if it could be limited to 8 parcels.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley answered "no".

A brief discussion ensued noting the procedures that would be required for an RV park, noting that the action today requested was just for the zoning change, and if it were anything different, they would have to apply for it.

**SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED** to approve Docket No. Z2021-009 – Property owner(s) Storme Christopherson- APN(s) 304-72-015B; further identified as 68438 66th Street, Salome, AZ 85348; with a legal description of Section 23, Township 5N, Range 13W of the Gila and Salt River Meridians, La Paz County, Arizona, Supervisor District 3- Holly Irwin. The applicant requests approval of a re-zoning from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) for family use, not a commercial RV Park. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin, passed unanimously, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Diane Green, Clerk of the Board